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SUBJ: SC MEETING ON ME: PROPOSAL TO RESUME IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 124253

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL, EMBOFF HAS ARRANGED TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE TO AUSTRALIAN DFA JUNE 27 ON PROPOSAL TO RESUME SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION ON MIDDLE EAST IN GENEVA, USING ARGUMENTS IN REFTEL AND OTHER RECENT COMMUNICATIONS. DFA (KELSO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, UN BRANCH), HAS EXPRESSED TO EMBOFF CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY WITH ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL AND OTHER RECENT COMMUNICATIONS. HOWEVER, HE SAID PROBLEM IS THAT IT NOW LOOKS AS IF PROPOSAL WILL GO THROUGH, SINCE ONLY U. S. AND U. K. WOULD OPPOSE IT. KELSO SAID THAT AUSTRALIA DID NOT INTEND TO QTE DIE IN THE DITCH END QTE FOR FORLORN HOPE OF HEADING OFF SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION IN GENEVA.

2. DFA IS CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO HEAR OF ANY INFO THAT WOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF STATES VOTING AGAINST KENYAN PROPOSAL ON GENEVA SESSION. IN RECENT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS, PRIME  
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MINISTER WHITLAM HAS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH FACT THAT AT UN AUSTRALIA IN PAST WAS IN HABIT OF FOLLOWING LEAD OF U. S. AND UK ON MOST ISSUES. HENCE-FORTH, HE HAS SAID, AUSTRALIA WOULD BE MORE INCLINED TO FOLLOW LEAD OF AFRICAN STATES ON COLONIAL OR SEMI-COLONIAL ISSUES. ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORY CAN BE REPRESENTED AS ESSENTIALLY COLONIAL ISSUE . SINCE DFA TELLS US THAT OAU STATES HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY SUPPORTING KENYAN INITIATIVE ON GENEVA SESSION, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT AUSTRALIA WILL EVENTUALLY VOTE WITH MAJORITY, RATHER THAN INDULGE IN ESSENTIALLY USELESS GESTURE OF ABSTAINING.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT. AND USUN ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE US WITH WHATEVER INFO AVAILABLE INDICATING THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF SC ARE PREPARED TO VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTAIN ON KENYAN INITIATIVE.  
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